

County-wide Recreation and Parks Advisory Board

Monday, November 18, 2019

Meeting Notes

Present: Board, Karen Kincer, Chris Richardson, Melanie Stickle, Felecia Wilson, Mark Pharaoh, Howard Goldberg, Michael Shimoff Ex-officio: Benjamin DuGoff, Isaac Osei Asare, Stephanie Edelstein Staff: Robin Riley, Adriane Clutter, Trish Walsh, John Nissel, Doug Ludwig, Sandra Samuel, Melanie Sasse Guest: Jim Brown, Link Hoewing

Absent: Safiatou Barry, Carl Blake, Bradley Ryan, Jeffrey Szuchman, Jeffrey Sullivan, Rodrigue Vital, Kizzy Chambers, Mike Riley, Traci Anderson

Meeting called to order by Karen Kincer at 6:31 p.m.

- Quorum six (6) present by 6:31 p.m.

Welcome – Chair

- Karen Kincer welcomed the board

Review of Agenda

- Reviewed and approved November's agenda
- Motion made by Michael Shimoff and seconded by Felicia Wilson. Approved.

Review and approval of October minutes

- Reviewed and approved October's minutes
- Motion made by Howard Goldberg and seconded by Michael Shimoff. Approved.

Community Announcements

- No Announcements

Ex Officio Reports

- Community Use of Public Facilities – Rod Vital
 - o No Report
- Commission on Aging – Stephanie Edelstein
 - o Special appropriation for the Senior program at Wheaton
- Community Action Board – Issac Osei Asare
 - o No Report
- Montgomery County Public Schools – Jeffrey Sullivan
 - o No Update

- Commission on People with Disabilities – Benjamin DuGoff
 - o No Report

Recreation – Robin Riley

- New Wheaton Rec and Library – 54,000 visitors in October
 - o Looking for Sunday programming
- Commission of Aging, added full senior program at Wheaton
- Elizabeth House Project Breaking Ground Downtown Silver Spring with senior housing, pool, gym and classrooms
- Winter classes and basketball registration has started
- Camp build is complete
 - o Waiting on CUPF for permits
- Shark Tank for staff to introduce new ideas (to receive funding)
 - o E-Sport – Electronic game and complete a physical sport
- CIP moving to “refreshers” instead of new facilities
 - o Submitted (5)
- County Executive to add more listening sessions
 - o Taxes will determine the budget
- The Turn the Curve agreement about to be signed

Parks – John Nissel

- Park Refresher – Battery Lane – Urban Park on November 9th
- Parks CIP also moving to “Refreshers”, less costly
- Accepting Clarkmont LP in Clarksburg
- FY21 Operating Budget request approved by Planning Board
 - o Want to present to CWRPAB in January
- Poole’s General Seneca Store selected a new tenant
- Presentation to County Council on Ballfield Program – for MCPS Elementary and Middle School sites, December 9th
- Thanksgiving Day Parade, November 23rd
- Holiday Festival of Lights at Brookside Gardens opens on November 26th
- Montgomery Park Speaker Series, open to the public, monthly
 - o Speaker, Adam Ortiz, December 2nd
- Green Cities Summit (formerly Trees Matter Symposium), December 4th

- Maydale Nature Classroom, Ribbon cutting in the spring
- Wheaton HQ Ribbon Cutting – scheduled for September 2020
- Will have the new Executive Director of Foundation to present to the board in a future meeting

Poolesville Fair Access Committee – Jim Brown and Link Hoewing

- Handouts were distributed to the board
- New Facilities and services co-location proposal (establish liaison)
- Health Clinic and Wellness Center
 - o Approximately 15,000 people live in the western county
 - o Approximately 1200 seniors live in the area
 - o Most parts of the western county are nearly 15 miles from the nearest specialist/doctor
 - o Conference room for potential meetings and lectures to be held
 - o The County bus service only runs to Poolesville
- Poolesville High School is over 70 years old
- Health Care Services for Adults and Students
- Services for the Community, Students, and Seniors
- Poolesville zip code ranked last out of 36 zip codes within the county
- Howard Goldberg – What can our advisory board do to help?
 - o Karen Kincer – Suggested testimony letter, as another voice
- Mark – How far is the regional service center?
 - o Germantown
 - o 8 hours to catch a bus
- Chris Richardson thanked Jim for the presentation
 - o Stated that transportation is a major issue
- Felicia Wilson - What programs are offer in the Poolesville areas?
 - o the citizens do their own programs
- Adriene - What is urgent right now for the seniors?
 - o Exercise program, nutrition, and life expectancy
- Howard Goldberg, stated the board should assist the Fair Access Committee and made a motion
 - o Motion: This board supports recreation-oriented aspect fair access and provide that support in appropriation fashion by Chair. Motion introduced by Howard Goldberg. Motion not seconded; motion failed.

Recognition/Awards for Recreation and Parks Staff – Chris Richardson and Mark Pharaoh

- Seneca Lodge, December 9th at 6:30 PM
- Just received MCRD nominees tonight
- Who is presenting awards?
 - o Robin Riley will request C.E.

Outreach to Regional Board – Karen Kincer

- Letter approved to be sent to five (5) Boards with minor modifications
- Karen proposed to send out to the five groups
 - o Have a rep from each county – Jan. and Feb.
 - Downtown Silver Spring – Melanie Stickle
 - Mid County – Karen Kincer
 - East County – Mark Pharaoh
 - Up County – Chris Richardson
 - West County – Howard Goldberg?

- Meeting Dates

Karen thanked Trish for posting the meeting dates on google classroom

Trish will create a new Advisory Board email

8:13 pm ADJOURN